

spending time with her daughter, family, and friends.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring this exceptional, well-respected woman of California's 28th Congressional District, Pattee Colvin.

RECOGNIZING THE FIFTH ANNIVERSARY OF THE MT. CARMEL CENTER OF EXCELLENCE

HON. DOUG LAMBORN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 26, 2021

Mr. LAMBORN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the fifth anniversary of the Mt. Carmel Center of Excellence in Colorado Springs, Colorado. A dream of Colorado businessman Jay Cimino, Mt. Carmel opened its doors in 2016 to support our veteran-rich community in impactful and meaningful ways.

Their state-of-the-art facility and staff have become a cornerstone in the Pikes Peak region, providing functional, comprehensive care to veterans in need. In addition, Mt. Carmel Center offers transition and employment assistance for those separating from the military, individualized and group counseling and support, family wellness classes, training, networking, and various other services, at little or no cost to our veterans through public-private community partnerships.

I congratulate and thank Mr. Cimino, Army (COL) Retired Bob McLaughlin, and all of those who make Mt. Carmel a reality for veterans in Colorado's Fifth Congressional District. Their steadfast commitment to giving back to the brave men and women who have sacrificed so much for our freedoms is unparalleled and unmatched.

May God Bless the work done at Mt. Carmel, may God Bless our veterans, and may God Bless America.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. EMANUEL CLEAVER

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 26, 2021

Mr. CLEAVER. Madam Speaker, I regretably missed one vote on Thursday, July 22, 2021. On roll call vote No. 218, H.R. 3985, the Allies Act, I would have voted YEA.

IN CELEBRATION OF LIEUTENANT COLONEL EDWARD ZAWORA

HON. JOAQUIN CASTRO

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 26, 2021

Mr. CASTRO of Texas. Madam Speaker, today I rise in commemoration of United States Army Lieutenant Colonel Edward Andrew Zawora Sr. who is turning one-hundred years old on October 21, 2021. Lieutenant Colonel Zawora resides in my hometown of San Antonio, Texas, with his wife, Mary Carolyn Peak. This milestone is so joyous for Lieutenant Colonel Zawora and his family, and I am honored to celebrate him on this day.

Lieutenant Colonel Edward Andrew Zawora Sr. was born in East Chicago, Indiana, on October 12, 1921. His parents, Joe and Ana Zawora emigrated from Poland in 1908 with only six dollars. At an early age he demonstrated hard work and resilience, growing up as one of six children during a time of financial hardship. He held many jobs as a young man to support his family, helping them make ends meet while attending school.

Shortly after graduating from high school, Lieutenant Colonel Zawora enlisted in the United States Army. He moved to Panama from East Chicago to complete his basic training and was assigned to Fort Bliss thereafter. During his time in El Paso, the Army observed great potential in Lieutenant Colonel Zawora and brought him to the White Sands Proving Grounds. It was here that the Army was developing the first missile defense program, as well as the first atomic bomb. Lieutenant Colonel Zawora participated in these projects as a team member with top secret clearance.

Lieutenant Colonel Zawora was assigned to the Explosive Ordinance Detachment during the Korean Conflict, in which he excelled and was quickly promoted. He was the youngest First Sergeant in the Army when he received his stripes. Throughout his career, Lieutenant Colonel Zawora participated in courageous assignments, such as diving into the ocean in order to disarm underwater mines while wearing heavy protective gear. He also served in World War II, participating in EOD activities. Lieutenant Colonel Zawora served his country in two wars and completed duty assignments in various parts of the world. In 1966, he retired as the top Army officer assigned to the EOD at Fort Monroe, Virginia.

Madam Speaker, I am proud to recognize the life and service of a person who dedicated themselves to family and country above all else. The entire San Antonio community celebrates this great milestone of an American hero. I thank Lieutenant Colonel Zawora for his service, his courage, and for his unending commitment to our country.

HONORING MARA LEONG-MAGUINEZ AS A 28TH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT WOMAN OF THE YEAR

HON. ADAM B. SCHIFF

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 26, 2021

Mr. SCHIFF. Madam Speaker, I rise today in honor of Women's History Month. Each year, we pay special tribute to the contributions and sacrifices made by our nation's women. It is an honor to pay homage to outstanding women who are making a difference in my Congressional District. I would like to recognize a remarkable woman, Mara Leong-Maguinez of Pasadena, California.

A native Pasadenan, Mara attended Westridge School, obtained her Bachelor of Arts degree in American Studies and Ethnicity from the University of Southern California, and received her Master of Public Administration (MPA), Nonprofit Sector Management degree from California State University, Northridge.

Ms. Leong-Maguinez's career has been dedicated to helping children and families in the local community. This began with her

seven-year employment as Development Director at the Families Forward Learning Center in Pasadena (formerly known as Mothers' Club), an organization that provides two-generation learning programs to low-income families. Mara's experience at Families Forward increased her passion for providing comprehensive services and inspired her to obtain her Master's in Public Administration and dedicate her career to managing community-based organizations. She then went on to serve as Director of Development at the Downtown Women's Center and Chief Development Officer of the Youth Policy Institute.

In January of 2020, shortly before the coronavirus pandemic began, Mara began serving as Executive Director of the Ronald McDonald House Pasadena. The Ronald McDonald House Pasadena, located near Huntington Hospital and Shriners for Children Medical Center, is a home-away-from-home for families with critically ill children who are receiving medical treatment, providing these families with a comfortable, caring place to stay, meals and therapeutic family support services at little or no cost to the families. When the pandemic hit, Mara worked to implement comprehensive safety and cleaning protocols and adjust the physical spaces within the House, while simultaneously obtaining funding and gathering support to keep the House open during this crucial time, which was especially important as several families had to stay there for greater lengths of time than usual due to the pandemic.

Mara lives in Pasadena with her husband, Roman Maguinez. Along with volunteering for Families Forward, Mara enjoys cooking and bicycling in the beautiful Pasadena area.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring this exceptional, well-respected woman of California's 28th Congressional District, Mara Leong-Maguinez.

MS. COURTNEY RENKEN
RECOGNITION OF SERVICE

HON. KAY GRANGER

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 26, 2021

Ms. GRANGER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Ms. Courtney Renken, who will be leaving my office after seven years of distinguished service to the people of Texas Congressional District 12.

Born and raised in North Texas, Courtney became involved in her community at an early age. From her association with the International Order of the Rainbow for Girls, to her membership in the Lake Worth chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star, to her work with the Azle Lions Club, Courtney has pursued every opportunity to learn from and support those around her.

In 2014, while attending law school, Courtney joined my team. Balancing her schoolwork and a research job, she managed to take on some of the most detail-oriented duties in my office, the kind most people try to avoid. She gravitates not to the glamorous tasks, but to those that are essential for an organization to function smoothly.

I was finally able to hire Courtney full-time after she earned her law degree, from Fort Worth's own Texas A&M University School of